

# Iran War Spreading: Russia Gets Involved | Stanislav Krapivnik

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Welcome, everybody, to Neutrality Studies. We're back today with Stanislav Krapivnik for an update on Iran, and he's going to give us, probably, the view from Moscow. He just got up a moment ago and has been very busy, as most of us have been over the last 24 hours. Stas, welcome to the show.

## #Stanislav Krapivnik

Thank you, thank you. Trouble is, it's 8 a.m. Pascal, he doesn't give us any rest, does he now?

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He doesn't. He doesn't. He gives nobody a rest. Well, I mean, the sad news, of course, this morning as you wake up in Moscow—the sad, somewhat shocking news—is that the United States actually managed to do it. They managed to kill Ayatollah Khamenei. I'll just do a screen share. I'm sorry I haven't prepared for this, but here we go. They actually managed to kill him, the Supreme Leader of Iran. This is very sad for all his supporters in Iran. It's a very happy moment for all the people who hated him and the Iranian government. These are also true pictures from Toronto of people celebrating with Iranian flags of the Iranian monarchy, right? So these people have their supporters; they have their enemies. But when you just heard that Khamenei was killed, what went through your mind?

## #Stanislav Krapivnik

You know, just for people to understand, Khamenei is the second most important person in the Shia faith. That's about the equivalent of the U.S. assassinating Patriarch Kirill—which I wouldn't put past the U.S. to attempt through its proxies—or the Bishop of Canterbury, or maybe even the Pope, if we're going to go down that line. So, congratulations, Mr. Trump, you've just started a religious war, because this is no longer simply a war of states. It's a religious war. And congratulations to your allies in the region, because I think quite a few of these little U.S.-backed Sunni monarchies and such are about to fall.

If you look realistically at what's going on—first of all, Bahrain. Why were people cheering? Because 80% of the population is Shia, ruled by a dictatorial 20% Sunni. Go to Qatar: you've got about 500,000 citizens and around 9 million disenfranchised workers, most of them of military age, who they don't really care about because they see them as basically paid slaves, indentured servants. You go to a country like—um—you go to a country like Saudi Arabia, which now, by the way, has declared it will do anything the U.S. wants. It will fight any of its assets. So Saudi Arabia is now in this war too, this regional war. This is no longer just a conflict with Iran.

The Shia make up about 30 to 40 percent of the population, and they also happen to live mostly in the areas where the oil is. Well, welcome to an interfaith war. The Shia, along with the Alawites and the Christians—both Orthodox and Catholic—are already fighting the American-backed jihadists in Syria. So this is spreading very, very quickly. We already have a three-way fight on the Iranian side because this has turned into a regional war. Yesterday it became a regional war, with Iraq and Yemen participating directly, and America attacking Iraqi forces—which is interesting, because America is still occupying parts of Iraq and parts of Syria.

And for those American forces there—how should I put it? You're screwed. You're literally the cowboys in the little fort with the Indians around you, except those "Indians" are now armed with mortars, light artillery, drones, machine guns, RPGs, and so on. Help isn't coming. You're in the middle of Iraq, and the whole country's at war with you. So he's basically put those people out of their lives—sacrificed them. Well, congratulations. Netanyahu got his regional award. What's going to be left of Israel is a big question. And of course, as usual, the people who are going to suffer first and foremost are just the average guys.

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Hey, very brief intermission because I was recently banned from YouTube. And although I'm back, this could happen again at any time. So please consider subscribing not only here but also to my mailing list on Substack—that's [pascallottaz.substack.com](https://pascallottaz.substack.com). The link's in the description below. And now, back to the video. You managed yesterday, of course, to follow what happened on the first day for quite a while, being also in Moscow. What did you make of it—how this first day unfolded, basically? When you were thinking about this war, I mean, we all knew that the U.S. had been building up its forces for three months, right? We all knew that this danger was there at any point. Did it actually happen the way you thought it would, or what surprised you?

## **#Stanislav Krapivnik**

Yeah, it happened the way I thought it would. First of all, I'd say the last decent president the U.S. had was Reagan, and it's been rolling downhill ever since. Reagan—well, I was reading an article by his biographer, Edmund Morris, who said that when Reagan had been shot, he was lying in the hospital when the movie \*The Day After\* came out. I don't really remember that movie because I

was about 11 years old—no, maybe a bit older, around 12 or 13, somewhere in there. It was a school night, a Thursday, and they showed it at 11 o'clock at night, so kids wouldn't normally watch it. But I got up anyway, and I had this little black-and-white television back then.

I switched the box on and started watching it. My father came in halfway through, found me sitting there, and I got in big trouble—God rest his soul. When that movie came out, Reagan was lying in the hospital and watched it. The biographer said he called his advisors over and asked, "Is it really going to be that bad?" They told him, "No, Mr. President, it's going to be many times worse. We censored a lot of this stuff out." And Reagan said, "No, no, no, no—get Gorbachev. We're not going to have a nuclear war." That was the last rational president the U.S. had. Maybe Bush Sr. was still kind of reserved—he was a former head of the CIA, a World War II vet—but that was it. And Bush Sr. had already started sliding because he was part of the deep state.

But he at least had an understanding of what a world war was, and having been head of the CIA, he had some idea of what they were doing. After that, everything starts to slide. And the hubris is huge. This continuous approach—when the Serbs were negotiating with the U.S. over Yugoslavia—it was the same thing. First of all, the U.S. put out a bunch of demands, and the Serbs agreed. Well, you can't have a war if they actually agree to your demands, now can you? No—let's put out more demands. Those would basically strip Serbia of its sovereignty. What she knew was they never agreed to that. And just to emphasize, during those negotiations, the U.S. struck Milosevic's house. They killed part of his family. They didn't talk about it much—it was a blip on the radar. But look it up: it was 1994. They blew up his country house.

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I have no problem believing that. I mean, we're seeing it right now, right? The U.S. striking the people it negotiates with—or pretends to be negotiating with—as part of the strategy. So the problem is, if you believe their negotiations are done in good faith, then you're already dead. Yeah, get the extra life insurance. Also, like Israel negotiating with Hamas while killing them, negotiating with Hezbollah while killing them—I mean, it's now so blatantly obvious that my Chinese friends actually tell me Chinese media mocks it. They mock the victims, saying, "Why would you even believe that? Why would you even talk to them?" And yet, I mean, they tried to kill Vladimir Putin. It's like, if you don't have the capacity to stop it, then you're done for. That's what the whole world is learning now, isn't it?

## **#Stanislav Krapivnik**

Yeah. I mean, quite literally, yeah. I think—I don't know if Putin was actually on location. His presence was being ghosted through telecommunications. But the fact is, yes, 91 drones. They didn't accidentally fly in that direction. The Russian systems are just good enough to take them all out. But 91 drones—they recovered the chips from a lot of them, and the coordinates were logged in. American chips, American coordinates popped in there through their proxies. So yes, absolutely, they

tried. How do you deal with these people? How do you negotiate with them? Well, I mean, you could put a knife to their throat or to their balls—I don't know what works better for these people. That's about the only way you can negotiate with them. You have to hold them at knife point, where they don't have a choice, where they know they're going to die, their children are going to die. I guess that's the only way you can negotiate with people like that.

## **#Pascal**

I mean, doesn't this now mean that Iran, in order to somehow gain back escalation dominance, has to go after the leadership of either Israel or the United States? I mean, that's the natural logic of this, right?

## **#Stanislav Krapivnik**

Well, they don't necessarily have to go after the leadership. The leadership of Israel—I mean, they've blown up Netanyahu's offices before. They did strike it, gave a little message. But these people are in deep bunkers. And guess what? Israel builds its bunkers underneath hospitals. Oh yeah, yeah, yeah. This is why they were looking for the bunkers underneath the hospitals in Gaza—because they built that hospital, and they built the bunkers underneath it. They knew it was there, so they moved there. They quite literally used their own people as human shields. Quite literally. And then they can scream, "Oh, look, they're killing civilians." It's pathetic. I mean, it's really pathetic to do that.

## **#Pascal**

It's cowardly. What are you hearing out of Russia? I mean, how is the Russian media reporting on this? And how is the Russian leadership approaching the war that everybody knew was coming?

## **#Stanislav Krapivnik**

You know, Russia rushed in MiG-29s, Su-35s, Mi-28 attack helicopters, S-400s. Russia also brought in something that wasn't much reported—upgrades in avionics, target acquisition, propulsion, and HUD displays for the missiles and the legacy aircraft. Obviously, the HUDs and jamming equipment for the older planes too. But here's the thing nobody really talks about, and I'll tell you straight up—nobody's going to admit this, obviously—but I guarantee you, behind the controls of a lot of those MiGs and a lot of those Sukhois are Russian pilots. Because it takes about a year to train a pilot from nothing.

But if you take a pilot from another platform and try to train him, sure, you could do it in about three to four months—but he's never going to be that good, because muscle memory under tension will bring him back to whatever he was used to, whatever layout. It's not just a matter of layout or controls. Every plane's design has its own avionics, its own aerodynamics. Let me rephrase that—it's the aerodynamics. So it flies differently, and it handles differently. It's not like, you know, today I

was on an Abrams tank and now I'm on a T-90 tank. I moved over. Yes, I have to learn how to control it and a few other things, but tanks basically still roll the same. They perform differently, sure, but you can get used to that relatively quickly.

It's like jumping from a mid-range car to, say, a sports car. Sure, they perform differently, but it's something you can get used to a lot easier because it's still grounded. Aviation is very different. And those people—while they can perform—they perform at a much lower level than a pilot who grew up on that platform. So, training pilots from zero, there just hasn't been enough time—half a year or less, really. It's just not enough. So I guarantee you there are Russian pilots—usually officers—in those planes, and probably at least some Russian crews on the ground. For the S-400, a modern anti-aircraft system, it usually takes about a year to prepare officers.

It hasn't been a year. So I guarantee you there are Russian crews on the ground already. And Russia has already said, you know, Iran has a problem—it has lots of oil, but it doesn't have enough refinery capacity. So it has problems with fuel. Russia is already exporting fuel, diesel, to Iran across the Caspian. Russia said, basically, "We've got your back. And food supplies, anything like that—we've got your back." And the news of the school being hit—you know, I went to bed, and the casualty rates had already come up to 160. I saw some of the videos of the—I mean, they're little girls. It was an all-girls school, elementary school. Elementary school—that's first through, what, fifth grade.

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Do you believe it was an accident, or is this Israel just terrorizing the Iranians?

## **#Stanislav Krapivnik**

Israel, the U.S.—you know, they both talk about "collateral damage," as they call it. I don't think it's collateral. "Collateral damage" implies you really weren't targeting them, that they just happened to be in the way, caught in a crossfire, or maybe something went off course. I don't think so. Honestly, you want to believe they didn't really target the children, but no, I don't believe that. I think they really did target the children. They've done it before. They've done all of this before. We saw it in Gaza, in Syria, in Lebanon—we've seen all of this before.

We've seen the way the U.S. "saved" Mosul—by wiping out half the city's population, just bombing it into rubble, driving in, putting up the flag, and saying, "Okay, it's safe." We saw what the Anglo alliance did in World War Two. You know, they try to drop this crap on Russia, saying the Red Army murdered civilians and raped everything from seven to seventy. By the way, rape was punishable by summary execution—so was theft, marauding. One of my grandfathers was a captain in the Red Army. It's always been that way in the Russian Army, too. Suvorov marched into Milan—the women of Milan pushed the French out, and they brought their daughters out to kiss the Russians' hands.

Because the standard in the garden was that when you took a city, you gave your men one to three days to raid, murder, and pillage—freedom to do whatever they wanted. The Russian army marched in, pushed the French out, and then marched out. Marauding or anything else was punishable by summary execution. That's it—total discipline in this case. No rape, no murder, no pillaging, no "freedom" for a couple of days. And, you know, my grandfather was a captain in the Red Army Tank Corps. He fought into Berlin, had three tanks burn out underneath him, which caused him mental issues, of course. He summarily executed a lieutenant he caught raping a German woman. Oh, it got quiet—he went ahead and shot himself. So they figured out why he did it.

Uh, there was a murder—summary execution—for raping. Uh, that's it. The Anglo alliance burned five out of six million German civilians who died in World War II—died from firebombing. Everybody remembers Dresden. Every single German city was firebombed. A lot of northern French cities and towns were firebombed too. They didn't have Germans in there; they were just wiped out anyway. So this is SOP—taking out civilians. Like it or not, this is how things have always run. The U.S. has done it countless times. In the Philippine War, they took out 20 percent of the population—the aim was 50. And concentration camps, genocides, and so on and so on, just go down through history. And you start reading history—not the myth they teach the kids, but the actual history—it's horrific.

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And that's just how it's been.

## **#Stanislav Krapivnik**

I don't think this was about a year ago.

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So you would expect that the war against Iran will also be carried out this way—not only with disregard for civilian casualties, but with an intent to target them as well. And then the Western media, of course, will go on covering up, putting a spotlight on every civilian who dies in Iran's Western camp, while giving a blanket "do whatever you want" to the civilians on the other side. I mean, we've seen this before—the way it was with the Ukraine war, right? Everything that happened in Kursk and so on was basically sweet-talked as the brave Ukrainians standing up to the evil Russians. I mean, we're already seeing how the Europeans are covering up now. The Germans, the French, and the British have already announced that they condemn Iran for striking "at the region," as they put it—not at U.S. bases in the region, but at the region. It's quite pathetic, isn't it?

## **#Stanislav Krapivnik**

I mean, look at Yugoslavia. When the U.S. forces were bombing for 78 days and couldn't find the Yugoslav army to hit, they went after civilian targets. They went after churches. They went after—I remember they took out a hospital infirmary where wounded Yugoslav soldiers were lying in the basement. And above the hospital, the floors above it, by the way, were birthing wards. And they took all of that out. First of all, you don't shoot wounded soldiers. There's such a thing as the Geneva Convention. Oh yeah, America doesn't give a damn about the conventions of science—it never has. Ask the American Indians. They took out markets, they took out trains full of civilians, they took out chemical plants, polluting the Danube and the surrounding area, because they didn't give a damn.

They had to hit something, so they hit something. So yes, absolutely. Now that Trump is saying, "Oh, don't worry, this will be a short war—four days." Well, Mr. Trump, you know, releasing the hounds of war is easy. The dogs of war are easy. Pulling them back in—yeah, you're going to learn a few things about war, since you didn't bother learning them in Vietnam. Mr. I-Know-How-To-Fight-A-War-I'm-The-Smartest-Man-That-Ever-Walked-On-Earth-And-Drank-Corona. You know, the commercials—yeah, "I don't normally drink beer, but when I do..." Yeah, or Dos Equis, whatever the beer is. But he had five deferments. He never went to Vietnam. He never wore a uniform. He has no concept of what it is. Nobody in his family has ever served or is ever going to serve. They're the elites—quite literally, it's the Epstein, "let's eat your children" elites.

## **#Pascal**

Quite literally. He also made one of the dumbest start-of-war speeches I've ever heard. I mean, he boxed himself into such a stupid corner, saying that the only thing acceptable is the utter demilitarization and obliteration of Iran's military and regime change. And in order to do so, he actually needs the Iranian military public, after the bombing is done—after he's done bombing them—to then stand up and wipe away the government. I mean, this seems so dumb to me that I just wonder who cleared that speech, because he clearly didn't write it himself.

## **#Stanislav Krapivnik**

Oh, there are plenty of neocons around them. I mean, they all have woodies right now—they finally got their dream. You know, when Trump said, "I'm going to be different." Well, he has been different in that, you know, each of the previous presidents have all been, since—well, I don't know if George Bush Sr. was, but Clinton definitely was, and Bush Jr. was, and Obama was, and Trump was, and Biden was—all at least partially owned by the Israeli lobby. But all of them, including Trump in his first term, had the common sense to say, "No, no, this is a bridge too far. We're not going down this road, because this is a regional, possibly global, war we're going to start."

Trump 2.0 is an imbecile who broke under Netanyahu's pressure. And just to understand this—Iran being about to get a nuclear weapon is not some myth Netanyahu came up with. I found articles

from the Jerusalem Post from 1986. For forty years they've been saying, "Any day now." Oh, they're a week away, a month away, two or three days away. They're just, you know, a blink away from having nuclear weapons on the moon. Anything to try to get this war started. And finally, after forty years of trying, they found an idiot big enough to do it. And Trump volunteered to be that historical idiot who thinks he's going to be able to stop this in three more days.

No. One, it's become a religious regional war, and Israel's not going to survive this. Right now, what we've seen is Iran—first of all, the S-400s haven't been deployed. They're being kept quiet, and they're being kept quiet to save them, because there are going to be bigger targets flying. Those cruise missiles that the U.S. has are in limited supply. Aviation from the aircraft carriers—it's a very long flight unless they want to get real close. And there have been reports—I haven't been able to confirm them—that the Lincoln was already attacked once. I don't know, maybe. Again, I can't confirm that. So where is this going to go?

Well, in the end, it's going to be the B-2s doing any more particular strikes. Most of the launchers haven't been deployed yet—they're being set up in arrays. That way, not all the targets will show up at once. They need to get organized before full deployment. They're preparing for a long war. Iran is going for the long war. They've shut the Strait of Hormuz, and shipping's already stopped just from that threat alone. Sure, one day, two days—oil's only gone up 2.9% so far. Insurance is going to rise. You know, there was a Russian tanker a few months ago that was attacked near Greece by Ukrainians using FPV drones with RPG rounds—basically like that.

Guess what? Iran has those same drones, and this is a much narrower, smaller area to operate in. They don't even need anti-ship missiles. You can take out a swarm of drones with separate drone operators. It's 32 kilometers at its narrowest point, and they can easily attack any ship coming in with RPG rounds on those FPV drones. That's it. You only need to take out one or two before everybody goes, "Yeah, yeah, that's it." And Europe, by the way—welcome to fuel starvation that'll last more than about a week. Welcome to not getting LNG from Qatar. So keep excusing the Americans while your own civilization starts to go to bingo fuel. And then what do you do?

## **#Pascal**

Did you already hear any statements from the Russian government on this? And secondly, do you think the Americans are going to try to use the same strategy as with Venezuela? You know, now that the big guy's been taken out, they'll threaten to do the same to the survivors—basically to the civilian government, right? Petr Shkian and Rachi and so on. And tell them, "You cave now, or you're going to die too." That's their strategy? Yeah.

## **#Stanislav Krapivnik**

Yeah, it is. It quite literally is their strategy. From the Russian side—Russia and China condemned it, obviously. They're demanding a U.N. Council meeting. But the point is, they're working. They've

already brought in a lot of equipment. What the U.S. is counting on is insurgents, because they didn't activate all their cells—I guarantee you that. They're counting on insurgents. They're probably going to bring in, if it's not already in play, Azerbaijan. And if Azerbaijan really goes into this, Azerbaijan will not exist as a nation, because it's managed to do a lot to piss off Russia and a lot to piss off Iran before. And when you're stuck between that... To go full Ukraine, you've got to be the lowest form of moron that ever crawled out from underneath a rock. I mean, let's be realistic.

When you're in that kind of neighborhood, how do you think you're going to get backing? I mean, even with Pashinyan being an absolute sellout for the West, willing to trade away Armenia for anything, and Turkey being right there. But Turkey has a problem too—Israel has already said they're next. You don't usually say things like that unless the hubris is so thick that you're completely convinced of yourself. Okay, I'll take a step back. I did a video on this two days ago. If you want to understand the Zionist mentality—I'm not saying Jewish, I'm saying Zionist, Jewish Zionist, not preaching Zionist in this case—go listen to what the Zionist Kabbalist rabbis are saying. There are plenty of videos on YouTube. Type in “the Jewish soul” or something like that, “difference in the soul,” and they'll tell you. These Zionist rabbis love to videotape themselves; they love to put it out there.

It's at a genetic level—God touched them, made them the chosen people. He touched them and changed them genetically. They can be atheists, whatever, but if you're part Jewish, you have a full soul. You have a *\*choma\**, a place that is the home of God, a piece of God. All the others are just a little above monkeys. They have *\*bina\**—*\*bina\** is rationality. You don't have godliness; you can't self-sacrifice for God. It's always a deal, like, “Okay, so if I blow myself up, I get 72 virgins.” It's always a deal. So they look at everybody else as, “We can buy them.” They can't understand these guys. If they actually believe this, they believe they're genetically superior. There's some other group that believes the same thing.

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Let's not go that far. It's... it's a disgusting thing that we're in this world again. It's a disgusting thing. It's just insane.

## **#Stanislav Krapivnik**

I'm like... yeah. These are people who believe they can buy you because you can't self-sacrifice, you can't go for a greater goal. They can always buy you, and you're genetically inferior. Now, how do you negotiate with people like that? You can't—at least not on an equal basis.

## **#Pascal**

Did you hear that, I mean, during the 12-day war, Israel actually prevented its own people from leaving the country because they were getting bombed so hard? Have you heard anything about that? Did they close the borders again—not just for coming in, but for going out?

## **#Stanislav Krapivnik**

I haven't heard that. But, you know, there's another thing—Israel, as a great democracy, practices absolute censorship, military censorship. Oh yeah.

## **#Pascal**

So we wouldn't know what's going on there.

## **#Stanislav Krapivnik**

Yeah, yeah. I haven't heard, or I know some people, but I haven't had a chance to talk to them—partly because I know there's going to be whining: "They're hitting us! Why are those evil people hitting us?" Yeah. You know, you've got to start these wars.

## **#Pascal**

I mean, it's everywhere in the media, right? Iran had to be hit—not because of anything concrete they did, but because they were evil, right? Because of all the evil they do. And that's now the excuse even in Europe. Stas, I know your time is very limited today. Is there one more thought you want to share with us, or shall we wrap it up?

## **#Stanislav Krapivnik**

The only thought I have to share right now is: pray for the families of the dead. And there's going to be a lot of dead. There's already a lot of dead. A lot of children have died. You know—prayer. And then, rationally, look at what's going on. The Americans have unleashed something they can't control. Hezbollah is all in, because if Iran goes down, Hezbollah is done. Hezbollah is all in. Hamas will probably go in. This is just going to keep expanding. And Americans are ready. No matter what they say, Americans did die. There are American casualties, and there are going to be a lot more of them. So the only message I have to the people in the West is: you're being marched off a cliff. Time's up. Either go do something—hit the streets, put pressure on your governments—or look at your children and know they don't have a future.

I mean, this is it. You can't just sit on the couch all the time. You know, 10% of the German population had a party card from the National Socialist Workers' Party—10%. If you don't know what that means, that's Nazi. "Nazi" is the abbreviation for it—the National Socialist Workers' Party. Since anybody asked—well, more likely everybody in the audience knows that—but 10%. The bombs didn't

t ask for party membership. When 95, 98% of the German public fought in that war in one way or another, sent their sons off, whether they carried the card or not, they all paid for it. Could they have stopped it? Yes, they could have, but they backed it. Look at your children and know that it's their future—if not even their lives—that you're willing to sacrifice if you don't do something right now to try to stop this.

## **#Pascal**

If you're living in an empire of evil and an empire of lies, then you shouldn't be surprised if, in the end, you and your family suffer because of that empire. And that's what the West is currently building—a conglomerate, a conglomerate approach. Stas, it's a very sad subject for a Sunday. I know you'll be praying from now on, so I wish you and your family all the best with those prayers. Let's pray for Iran, for peace, for your West Asia—for everybody. Stas Krapivnik, a Slavic man—if you want to look him up and find him, I highly recommend it. Slavic with a K, I know that now. Find him, Stas. Thank you for your time.

## **#Stanislav Krapivnik**

Mr. Slavic man. Mr. Slavic man.

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## **#Stanislav Krapivnik**

That's how we find him.

## **#Pascal**

Slavic man, thank you. Cheers.